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Re: 10/635,829 filed 8/5/03

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1. Transmittal form;
2. Fee transmittal form;
3. Amendment C and Response to Office Action.

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|   | Filing Date          | 08/05/2003             |             |
|   | First Named Inventor | Brent CHRISTNER        |             |
|   | Art Unit             | 1725                   |             |
|   | Examiner Name        | EDMONDSON, Lynne R.    |             |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission  | 12                   | Attorney Docket Number | 154494-0034 |

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| Date         | January 6, 2006                          | Reg. No. | 26,533 |

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**For FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) **1,010****Complete if Known**

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| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 50       | 25                    |

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fees Paid (\$) |
|--------------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| 24           | 4 (hp 50)    | 200      | 200            |

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fees Paid (\$) |
|---------------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| 8             | 5 (hp 3)     | 500      | 500            |

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| 100          | 0            | 0  | 0        | 0              |

**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Fees Paid (\$)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Extension of Time - 3 mos. - small entity

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Signature: Rachele WittwerName: Rachele WittwerDate: 01/06/06**AMENDMENT C  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 07/06/2005**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 07/06/2005 in the above referenced application,  
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8 and 12, and add new claims 29-35 as shown in the full set of  
claims starting on the next page.

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